

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Shell Offshore Inc.

Revised 2010 Outer Continental Shelf Exploration Plan, Camden Bay, Alaska, Beaufort Sea Lease OCS-Y-1805

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE, formerly Minerals Management Service or MMS), Alaska Region is preparing a Supplemental Environmental Assessment (Supplemental EA) for a proposed revision to Shell Offshore Inc.'s 2010 Outer Continental Shelf Exploration Plan, Camden Bay, Alaska.

Shell Offshore Inc. proposes to revise the 2010 Outer Continental Shelf Lease Exploration Plan, Camden Bay, Alaska, to account for operations in the 2011 open-water season. The proposed revision also reduces discharges to the marine environment authorized by National Pollution System Discharge Elimination System General Permit AKG-28-0000 by not discharging water-based drilling fluids, drilling cuttings with adhered drilling fluids, sanitary waste, grey water, bilge water, and ballast water. Instead, these waste streams will be held on board the drillship or support vessels and subsequently transported out of the Arctic Ocean for disposal in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. The proposed revision is described in the Shell Offshore Inc. Camden Bay EP Update Summary submitted to BOEMRE.

The environmental assessment supplements the analysis presented in the Environmental Assessment, Shell Offshore Inc., 2010 Outer Continental Shelf Lease Exploration Plan, Camden Bay, Alaska, Beaufort Sea Leases OCS-Y-1805 and 1941 (OCS EIS/EA MMS 2009-052), October 2009.

The following issues have been identified by BOEMRE for consideration in this Supplemental EA:

- Potential effects of the proposed revision and the addition of a barge and tug as support vessels on marine mammals, air quality, water quality, lower-trophic-level organisms, fish, subsistence harvest and sociocultural resources.
- New information resulting from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

This notice provides an additional opportunity for public input prior to completion of the Supplemental EA and a decision by the Responsible Official. Public input may inform the decision-making process by suggesting new issues or contributing information with regard to potential environmental effects. Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, and electronic comments will be accepted for consideration through December 22, 2010.

Please mail comments to:

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Comments can also be submitted by email to: CamdenBayEPSEA@boemre.gov, or by fax to: (907) 334-5242.

Printed copies of the Shell Offshore Inc. Camden Bay EP Update Summary, the 2010 Exploration Plan (EP), and the 2010 EP Environmental Assessment (OCS EIS/EA MMS 2009-052) are available for viewing by appointment at: 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500, Anchorage, Alaska by calling (907) 334-5200 (8:30 am – 4:00 pm Alaska Time). The documents are also available at: http://alaska.boemre.gov/ref/ProjectHistory/Shell_CamdenBF/BF.HTM.